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THE EVENING STAR has a regular and permanent circulation in Washington three times larger than that of any other paper in the city. As a local NEWS paper and Advertising Medium it has no competitor.

Tendencies when continuously persistent for a period of time long enough to establish a clear opinion are accepted by wise politicians as safe indices of popular feeling. The drift of events in New England since the presidential election has certainly been democratic. The increase in the congressional representation, the defeat of the republican candidate for governor in Massachusetts for two years in succession, and, last, perhaps not least, the increased majority of the democrats in the Boston majority election, together with the gains for that party in Connecticut, may well encourage the party which has never, for any considerable time, had much of a foot hold in the land of pilgrims and puritans. The study of political conditions in that quarter during the last twenty years or so might develop the causes of republican defection, but space would be saved by merely stating one fact: The attitude of the two parties on the tariff question, with New England demanding what are termed free raw materials and a protective policy supplying them only in the way of reciprocity with a few nations on this hemisphere, accounts for the disposition of many New Englanders to give the democrats a trial. It may not last longer than may be necessary for the effects of the reciprocity program of Mr. Blaine to be generally recognized. It may even be checked before that by reactionary tendencies in the democratic party. Should the anti-tariff leaders in New York and elsewhere get control of the democratic organization, and there are some signs that they may, either on the silver question or some other, the democratic recruits in New England with their remaining wumpus allies would slip back quietly into the republican ranks.

Assuming that it is settled that Mr. Blaine is willing and even desirous to withdraw from the presidential race, the next question that will evidently arise is whether the republican party can afford to permit him to withdraw. The game of politics is a cruel and unfeeling one. When the pinch comes, small considerations in the way of the comfort or feelings of individuals so far as the vast personal following of Mr. Blaine is concerned, which is enthusiastically devoted to him as a leader, his wish will probably be law, and regretful assent to his decision would doubtless be yielded if he should say that physical weakness or any other consideration forbade his candidacy. But the great republican organization is unemotionally machine-like in its operations, like every other historic political party. If next summer the managers of this machine perceive or think they perceive that the contest for national supremacy will be very close, that victory or a defeat which is final and irreversible turns upon the candidacy or non-candidacy of James G. Blaine, will the latter's decision or intention of withdrawal for his comfort or physical well-being or even his length of life be conclusive upon them?

There is something thoroughly Chicagoan in the idea which has resulted in a general invitation to Congress to visit the World's Fair site and see for himself what conditions are being done. The transportation and entertainment of four or five hundred more or less distinguished men would be a gigantic task for the average town, but Chicago is not an average town; it is Chicago. Senators and Representatives who have not yet given much thought to the Quadricentennial may imbibed information and inspiration at the fountain head and as a result the legislators and the fair will probably be benefited. If the excursion is only as successful in a business sense as it will be socially Chicago and the country generally will have much to be proud of.

The longer the administration stands the greater is the evidence of political sagacity in its favor. Mr. Harrison's nomination of Mr. Elkins to be Secretary of War is a tactical stroke of the first importance both because it is a strong appointment in itself and because there is a strong possibility that the appointment not only gives absolute assurance of perfect co-operation between the President and the Secretary of War, but also that people respect to the matter of doing but it strengthens the republican party in a state where its doctrines have made headway of late and the vote of which state may be indispensable in the presidential election. The selection of two prominent West Virginians, Messrs. Goff and Elkins, the one for the appellate judiciary and the other for a cabinet place, indicates a determination to extend the chief outpost of the world without in a manner and with a force never before resorted to.

It would be one of fate's curious revenges if the Anglo-Turkish alliance should give way for a Russo-Turkish co-operation. The reason for this is that the Russian empire, namely, that the Slavs in Turkey have been enfranchised by the results of the last war there is no longer a cause of quarrel between Russia and Turkey, and their objects in the east being similar, the repression of Bulgaria, the restraint of German influence, they should stand together against the triple alliance and England. International politics makes strange bed fellows. The friend of today may be the bitter enemy of tomorrow and vice versa. But will Turkey ever become convinced that Russia has abandoned the hereditary and historic policy and controlled its burning ambition to possess Constantinople?

The Young Czechs in the Austrian parliament has "turned his face to the morning" and a distinguished Senator from Massachusetts and is making sharp criticisms of the reigning house of Hapsburg. Time will come when the Bohemian people, of which the Czechs are the leading race, will have as much self-rule as Hungary. The Hapsburg empire is maintained entirely by national equipment—one nationality against another, and the Bohemians are fully equipped, up her said, as her Young Czech party evidently has, to achieve self-government. Francis Joseph will concede it to her.

Endorsing his willingness to forgo his request for a change in the United States Constitution according to his view does not mean that he is not a New Italian minister will no doubt be heartily welcomed.

The mileage committee has made a fine rapid transit report with 300 accounts deposited with the correspondent by Christmas. Castle within six hours after his appointment.

It is probable that the St. Louis brewers had no voice in securing the prohibition national convention for that city, but the time for the holding of which is June 20, 1892.

Chicago is never small in her enterprises. What she proposes to do is to borrow Congress in a lump long enough to show it the Columbian exposition enterprise.

The humor attached to the fine of \$250 imposed on Jay Gould for his failure to appear as a juror is heightened by the fact that the fine was remitted.

An interesting exhibit from Chicago to the Columbian exposition would be a detailed illustration of the best methods of robbing a mail wagon.

Finey Switzerland sits up in her private box in the mountains and watches the European drama with much interest, but no alarm.

It will be some relief to many people to reflect that Mr. Hill has taken up his option on a seat in the United States Senate.

John L. Sullivan's acquaintances expect him to find an easy task in knocking out the Keely gold cure.

SAKS AND COMPANY.
ANOTHER SALE "SLATED" FOR SATURDAY.
We want to "shrink" our stock of BOYS LONG PANTS SUITS in a hurry. By tomorrow night we'd like to count three hundred less. We'll come pretty near doing it if price has any "pull." We have set aside that number—taken them out of the very heart of the \$5, \$10, \$12 and \$13 qualities—and for the one-day—THIS SATURDAY—you may take your choice for

AGES 4 TO 14 YEARS. **\$7.75.** LONG PANTS SUITS.

You can afford to "break in" on your holiday buying to take advantage of such a concentration of value.

They are SINGLE and DOUBLE-BREADED SACK SUITS—the neatest and noblest of the effects you have seen this season. All sorts of patterns—stripes, checks, plaids, mixtures. It is "died in the wool," too. Will wear and look well as long as there's a thread to hang to—better Cheviot, Cashmere, Tweeds and Homespuns were never put into BOYS' SUITS. They are LONG PANTS SUITS—14 to 18 years—and all you've got to do is come TOMORROW and your \$7.75 will be as big a buyer as \$10, \$12 and \$13 is today.

We've too many of these suits—and our way to get rid of them is through the price. We don't want to cut but once—we've gone to the "hilt" this time.

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There's never been a season like it for SHORT-PANT SUITS. The demand for our \$5 grade has been enormous. There isn't an equal of the quality for the money to be had—anywhere. In reality we have been selling you other people's \$7 and \$7.50 values for \$5. The line is still complete—and we'll keep it so. All well-picked patterns.

Our \$5.50 SHORT-PANT SUITS are average \$5 ones—and even at \$5.50 there's a safe "yes" to your inquiry—"do we keep suits so cheap?" We go up as high as \$20, but at every price step we enter unusual quantities of quality.

OVERCOATS or REPEFS—or something of the sort—ought to be on the boys' backs these "snappy" days. If you are out for one tomorrow hold on to your money till we've had a chance to show you our line. You can save by it.

OUR KILTS and "cannons" JERSEY and VELVET SUITS—in odd "set up" or "sweet, pretty temptations." So are the prices.

There really is only one store to come to for quality, quality, quality, quality, quality and economy.

"IF YOU GO TO SAKS YOU'RE SAFE."
ITS COLD ENOUGH FOR COATS.
NOW—if it is ever going to be, NOW the men need one of our warm ULSTERS—FUR-TRIMMED COATS—or FUR-LINED COATS—But we're here to sell—not to say "You'll pick the kind." We carry all the latest styles. Like to have you look them over—if only from curiosity. What we show WE MADE. Talk about variety—we're three to one of any store in town—some to cost less when we sell it.

GIFTS MEN LIKE.
How are we "dazzling" things in the "holiday corner." Way back to the elevators there's nothing but Christmas Handkerchiefs. It is a poverty-stricken purse and an over-particular taste that can't settle on something out of all this variety. We have thoroughly equipped ourselves with an army of clerks. What you buy that we can put in a box "free"—and the carrying on metal mounted cases and umbrellas we do free. Whatever you buy may be exchanged after the holidays if you happen to "shoot wide of the mark" in size or shape.

These are patience-trying times, but we bear the burden. OUR stock has such an endless resource. You've only time for short stories these days—pithy—but to the point. Hints are handiest.

Our line of HOUSE COATS is the largest in town and BEST. We were sure of it—but we are so fifty times a day by people who have looked around. Well, they're "clothes" and what's clothing is always best bought of US.

SMOKING JACKETS, DRESSING GOWNS and BATH ROBES make up the assortment. They are imported and domestic in design and make. Barriers that are only to be seen here.

THE HOLIDAY SLIPPERS are down stairs for your convenience. We've all sizes and styles. You buy with the privilege of exchange.

"PEPS AT PRESENTS."
THE BEST NICKELWEAR, 50¢. Half-dressed HALF HORN in a BOX. A PAIR OF DRESS GLOVES. A PAIR OF FINE GLOVES. AN UMBRELLA. A TRAVELING BAG. One, or a pair, of FANCY NIGHT ROBES. A SCARF PIN. A PAIR OF TONGS. A BOX OF COLLARS and CUFFS. OUR FINE UNDERWEAR.

Call on us for any of these things and we can parade before you a variety that makes selection an easy matter. We haven't any "HOLIDAY PRICES"—ours are the same "low quality" that you always hear from us. The quality—not the occasion—does our marketing.

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But it comes once, and it's only six days off. Think of the shopping that must be crowded into these six days. Recognizing the fact that Saturday is the only day that parents can shop with the children, and that tomorrow is the last Saturday before Christmas, we endeavor to lead our assistance as far as possible by giving you a list of reasonable and appropriate things adapted to the wants and needs of the young, with their special locations. Our experience has taught us a good deal in this direction. We'll give you, as far as may be, the benefit. We'll begin with—

DOLLS.
We have not overlooked the fact that Dolls are one of the great items of the Toy line, and in direct relation to our stock of Dolls, we have great quantities of them when we say that a more comprehensive line than ours cannot be seen, even in the larger cities. This fact has been verified by many of our customers who are in a position to know. We would ask the favor of an inspection at least on the part of those who have not yet visited this department.

BIQUE CRAWLING DOLLS with flowing hair.
—15c. each, 2 for 25c.
Dressed Dolls, in chairs, with bique heads. —15c.
Dressed Bique Dolls, in rolling chairs. —15c.
Infant Dolls, 12 inches high, with caps. —15c.
Infant Dolls, 10 inches high, with caps and moving eyes. —15c.
Kid Body Dolls, 12 inches high, with bique heads and flowing hair. —15c.
Kid Body Dolls, 12 inches high, with bique heads, exposed teeth—shoes and stockings. —15c.
Jointed Kid Body Dolls, 17 and 19 inches high. —75c. and 90c.
Dressed Dolls, with bique heads—Balloons, Bakers, etc. —25c.
Dressed Dolls, 12 inches high, with bique heads—several styles. —50c.
See our 1st Dressed Dolls. We have numerous styles and they are the best value ever offered.

DOLLS FURNISHINGS.
Everything complete in line: Shoes, Stockings, Hats, Parasols, Ties, Towels, Socks, Jewelry, Soap, Hats, Wraps, Etc., &c. (Fourth floor, 10th st. building.)

THE GENUINE GERMAN DOLLS.
Can only be had in this stock. There are clever imitations of this celebrated Doll, but we show none but the genuine. They have bique heads, beautiful realistic faces, moving eyes, exposed teeth, and the hair is of the finest quality. Prices range from \$1 to \$5.00.

A Pretty Picture Book given away with each Doll.
(Fourth floor, 10th st. building.)

DOLLS CLOTHING IN INFANTS' DEPARTMENT.
Customers will find it very convenient to bring LADIES-SIZED DOLLS to our INFANTS' DEPARTMENT.
And have them neatly dressed. We have everything here necessary for their outfit.
(Second floor, 10th st. building.)

IN OUR BOYS' CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.
Your Boys can be suited in a list, a Shift Waist, an extra pair of Trousers, a Kilt Suit, a Short Pants Suit, an Overcoat or a Reever, in any style or size within the range of \$2 to \$10 YEARS.

About 40 of the Boys' Suits that we are reduced from \$5 to \$3. Nearly all sizes represented, and nearly all of them are absolutely pure wool. Choice of these now for —\$3.00 a suit—

Chinchilla Reever—just the thing for bicycle riding. —\$4.00 and \$7.50.
Kilt Suits in pretty Blue, Green and Brown Plaid—Even jacket, vest and skirt —\$5.00.
The Holidays cause a big demand for Shift Waists, particularly the flannel ones. Our stock is superb.
Jersey, unlined, 50c.; finer quality, 55c.
STYLISH Cheviot, 75c.; finer quality, 85c.
The "Mother's Friend" comes in several kinds: Plaid, lined, 75c. and \$1.00.
White, lined, 75c. and \$1.00.
Colored, lined, \$1.00.
Blue or Gray Flannel, \$1.25 and \$2.00.
Blue Wool Blouses, \$1.50.
Our Sailor Hats have been reduced. They are now \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$1.65.
(Third floor, 10th st. building.)

FOR THE GIRLS.
Misses' Fine Cheviot Double-breasted Jackets in Navy Blue and Black, good length, with large pearl buttons and notched collars. Sizes 12, 14, 16 and 18 years. —\$7.50.
Misses' Fine Cheviot Jackets in Navy Blue and Black, camel's hair finish, three-quarter length, with shawl roll collars and large bone buttons. Sizes 12, 14 and 16 years. —\$8.
Misses' Fine Cheviot Jackets in Light Gray and Tan, well made and finished, new length, with notched collars and large pearl buttons. Sizes 12, 14 and 16 years. —\$8.50.
REDUCTIONS IN FUR-TRIMMED JACKETS.
STYLISH Cheviot, lined, faced, faced to back with satin, deep shawl roll, collar, square roll collar of astrakhan fur, silk laces and crocheted buttons. Sizes 14 and 16 years. —Reduced from \$17 to \$12.50.
STYLISH 12-inch Cheviot, with deep facing of Black satin, roll collar of fur, racoon fur, French seams and silk laces and buttons. —Reduced from \$15 to \$12.50.
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INFANTS' LONG SLIPS FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS.
Slips with skirt of all over embroidery, full sleeves and wide ties. —\$2.00 each.
ALSO
Two styles of Slips at 25c.
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Four styles of Slips at 50c.
Three styles of Slips at \$1.00.
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WHITE GOODS DEPARTMENT OFFERS.
TOMORROW
1,000 yards 40-INCH APRONETTE LAWN, 8c. YARD.
(Second floor, 10th st. building.)

DAINTY HOLIDAY GIFTS. THESE CHINA SILK AND CANTON CREEP SCARFS AND SHAWLS AT SPECIAL PRICES.
We have a small lot of these fine and choice creations, to which we call your attention. Reason in the tailoring of the goods. Give care to the descriptions and prices, then come in tomorrow and see the goods. We will find them in shawl department.
(Third floor, 10th st. building.)
These are China Silk Scarfs, 3 yards long and 18 inches wide, with 6 and 8-inch knotted fringe—all handsomely embroidered—Colors: White, Cream, Pink, Light Blue and Salmon. —\$3.50.
Same styles, 3 yards long and 25 inches wide, with 18-inch knotted fringe. —\$4.00.
CANTON CREEP SHAWLS, white, cream, pink, cardinal, blue and black. —\$2.75.
CHINA SILK SHAWLS, 25 inches square, elegantly embroidered all over, with 9-inch knotted fringe—White, Pink, Blue, Salmon, Cardinal, Indigo, Pistachio and Black. —\$5.00.
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CUTLERY DEPARTMENT OFFERS.
A SMALL LOT OF GENUINE ENGLISH STEEL CARVING SETS, knife, fork and steel, in a nice plush or leather case. Reduced from \$3.50 to \$2.98.
ONE DOZEN OF THE FINEST STEEL KNIVES in a handsome plush or champagne case. —\$1.35.
THREE PAIRS SOLID STEEL SCISSORS, FULL NICKEL PLATED, assorted sizes, in a Morocco case. —\$1.35.
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